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WHAT THE SOVIET PEOPLE ARE BEING TOLD THROUGH THE SOVIET PRESS AND RADIO
(OCTOBER 24 and 25)

1. Radio Moscow Mentions "Faked Photographs from Spy Planes" - Oct 24
In a roundtable discussion carried by Radio Moscow commentators charge that the US Defense Department has produced "some kind of faked photographs taken from spy planes" to justify its "aggressive act." The "blockade" was called "difficult to interpret other than as an act of direct aggression." "Socialist countries possess means for cooling down ardor of bellicose generals in US," the commentators continued.
2. Announcement of "Blockade" - Oct. 24 - TASS issues a factual bulletin for the Western USSR stating that "Blockade" went into effect as of 1700 hours Moscow time.
3. Pravda Editorializes on US Action as "Contrary to International Law and UN Charter" - Oct. 24 - Stating that the "actions undertaken by American ruling circles" are a "crying violation of rudimentary norms of international law and customs as well as being incompatible with the principles of the UN Charter," Pravda compared them with "a rebirth of piracy and international plunder." The arm which "American imperialists have raised against the world" can be stayed, Pravda states, "by concerted action and joint will."
4. Red Star Warns US - Oct. 24 - In an editorial headed "We Are on Guard" Red Star states that the Soviet Union wants peace but that it does not fear threats. The country will not be taken unaware, Red Star warns, and Soviet troops will double their vigilance. "Mighty forces are on the side of Cuba," the paper states.
5. Soviet Papers and Radio Publicize Protests of Soviet and Foreign Public to US Action - Oct. 24 - Nearly two pages are devoted to such protests in Moscow papers. Moscow and Regional radios publicize "Wave of Protest Meetings Rolling over the USSR." Most pledges given at meetings couched in generalities concerning the efforts of labor to strengthen economic and defense ability of USSR but Black Sea sailors quoted by Kiev radio as ready to carry cargo to revolutionary Cuba.
6. Lack of Far Eastern and Siberian Soviet Radio Reaction to Cuban Developments - Oct. 24 - Through October 24 no reaction to the Cuban action was being reported on Soviet regional stations for Siberia and the Far East, which continued their normal programming.
7. Soviet Radio Commentator Admits Soviet Arms (Not Specifically Missiles) Sent to Cuba - Oct. 24 - In a commentary for the domestic service, Radio Moscow on October 24 admitted that the Soviet Union was sending arms to Cuba but only for "defense of the island freedom," over which "the black clouds of imperialist intervention are hanging." The broadcast emphasized that "our country is not sending Cuba any offensive types of weapons," since the Soviet Union had no need to do so." The 12,000 mile range of Soviet rockets was stressed as the reason for not needing rocket sites anywhere outside the Soviet Union. The presence of 130 US military bases abroad, (quoted from US News and

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World Report), was mentioned and the existence of rocket bases in Britain, West Germany, Greece, Turkey and Japan stressed. Commentator stated Turkey and Japan were not 180 kilometers from USSR, as Cuba from US, but actually bordering Soviet Union. Soviet Union will not attack these states, as it would do if it were to follow the logic of Washington, but rather seeks good relations with all neighboring countries, commentator said.

8. Moscow Radio Broadcasts Message from Crew of Tanker "Grozny" Bound for Cuba
Oct. 25 - The Captain and crew of a tanker on its way to Cuba state in a message sent to Radio Moscow that "Cuba is not alone," and that "our sailors will insure the continued delivery of goods to Cuba."

9. Pravda Publishes Poem Concerning US - Oct. 25 - Pravda published a poem by Soviet poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko describing the American people as "essentially good" but adding that "low actions by such a country are hard and fearful for me to observe."

10. Pravda Gives Prominence to Khrushchev's Message to Bertrand Russell
Oct. 25 - Pravda printed on its front page the text of the Khrushchev message while other papers tempered their attack on the US with expressions of hope for a peaceful solution to the crisis.

11. Moscow Radio Reports U Thant's Address - Oct. 25 - In a domestic broadcast Radio Moscow carried a report of U Thant's address emphasizing that he had warned all sides that they must refrain from any action that could deteriorate the situation and entail the danger of war. (It is not believed by FBIS that Russian audiences received the actual text of the U Thant messages.)

12. Red Star Claims "Supremacy of US in Western Hemisphere is Over" - Oct. 25 - Red Star in an article today stated that "it is time the US rulers understood that the days when the Yankees lorded it over the Western Hemisphere and went unpunished are gone forever." No mention was made however, of a possible Soviet counterattack and the paper called for a "realistic approach to evaluating the existing situation in the world arena."

Jamming - VOA reports that the Soviet Union has attempted to jam all VOA broadcasts for the last 24 hours with the exception of a 7 minute youth program (the only program not concerned with Cuba.) On the evening program for October 25 an attempt is being made to get through Soviet jamming by a saturation technique employing all transmitters normally beamed toward other parts of Europe. VOA hopes that this technique will be successful, as it was when employed at the initiation of Soviet nuclear testing last year.

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